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Dear Josh,

Had you not said personal favor I never would have done it. Its hard to have to condemn a nice person. Someone ought to have a long talk with him. Maybe Kim could do it. *Anyway I enclose a judgment.*

We have been beset by difficulties in our attempts to cross induced by uninduced bacteria. Our troubles lie in ~~a~~ serious variation from expt. to expt of sensitivity toward inducer. The funny thing is that in any series of expts. the bacteria seem to become progressively more refractory to inducer. We are now being forced into a systematic search for the origin of the variation. The maintenance phenomenon, for the nonce at least, is a very tricky business. We have done a few successful crosses, but the numbers are still too small to warrant interpreting seriously.

Do or have you know or heard any plans about mid-west meetings? I plan to go to NY when Jacques is there in March.

It was good to hear from you, even if on unpleasant business. By the way many thanks for the card from Angelo's. ~~We~~ It excited some pleasant memories.

*Aaron*